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Attorney Docket Number: 1109.03001
First Named Inventor: Robert Michael Franz
All Other Inventors: None
Title of Invention: Structural Brace

I, Robert Michael Franz, the petitioner, declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America, and are a resident of the post office address set forth below.

I, Robert Michael Franz, the petitioner, believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor, or an original, first, and joint inventor, if applicable, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Structural Brace, described and claimed in the specifications and shown in the drawings.

I, Robert Michael Franz, the petitioner declare that on the invention entitled: Structural Brace, that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the specifications, claims, and any amendments to the specifications and claims of the invention entitled: Structural Brace.

I, Robert Michael Franz, do not know and do not believe that the invention entitled: Structural Brace, was ever known or used by others in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in the United States of America or any foreign country in the world before my invention thereof.

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I, Robert Michael Franz, acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware and which is material to the examination of this of the application for the invention entitled: Structural Brace, in accordance with Title 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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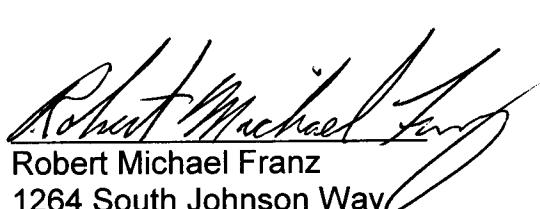
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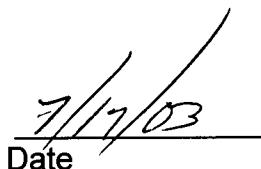
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